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Alter Egos at the Long Center

Comic book fans have the chance to see their favorite stories acted out live at The Intergalactic Nemesis: Live Action Graphic Novel Spectacular. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Long Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets start at \$14.

Queer Welcome Carnival

The Queer Students Alliance presents the fourth annual Queer Welcome Carnival in the second floor of Rec Sports. Event goes 5-8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Back to School Bash

Emo's hosts musical talents Ringo Deathstarr, She Sir, New Roman Times and The White White Lights Saturday at 9 p.m.

Austin Icon at Cactus Cafe

Marmalakes opens for Alejandro Escovedo at the Cactus Cafe. Show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each.

SUNDAY

Halloween comes early

The United States Art Authority hosts its costume sale with outfits donated by St. Edward's University Theater Department Sunday at 5 p.m.



Quote to note

"We hope the sight of the guns will help people feel safer. We know that criminals often have sophisticated weapons, and this is to keep our citizens, our legislators and our personnel safe."

— Lisa Block
DPS spokeswoman

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A WINNING TRADITION



Tom Stevens | Daily Texan file photo

Volleyball coach Mick Haley talks to players during match against the University of Houston in November 1988.

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Police chief stands firm on officer's termination

By Collin Eaton
Daily Texan Staff

Former Austin police officer Leonardo Quintana won't be returning to the force if Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo has anything to say about it.

Acevedo told a panel considering Quintana's petition for reinstatement Thursday that a history of bad judgment forced him to fire the former officer after a drunken driving arrest in May.

"I don't wish him ill will, but I don't think he can be an effective member of this department," Acevedo said. "I think you have to cut your losses at some time."

Quintana was at the center of a controversy over the death of 18-year-old Nathaniel Sanders in May 2009. Quintana shot Sanders outside an East Austin apartment after he found him and another man sleeping in a car that was



Leonardo Quintana

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White proposes border patrol plan



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Bill White unveils his border security plan in a press conference near Austin-Bergstrom International Airport.

By Nolan Hicks
Daily Texan Staff

Former Houston Mayor Bill White announced his own plan for border security Thursday during a press conference in Austin that promised to place more law enforcement officers along the Mexican border using federal funding.

White's plan calls for hiring and placing another 1,250 local law enforcement and state troopers

along the Mexican border, revamping the Department of Public Safety and improving coordination between the local, state and federal officials. He estimated a price tag of between \$75 million to \$95 million, which would be partially paid for out of federal grant monies.

"I will work hard every month to make sure we

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Event recognizes scholarship recipients

By Yvonne Marquez
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Exes Scholarship Foundation awarded more than 300 students at its annual scholarship dinner Thursday evening at the Etter-Harbin Alumni Center.

The foundation sponsors

314 Dedicated Scholarships, which honor family or friends of prominent UT families. The scholarship dinner was the second of three that the Texas Exes will have this month to honor recipients.

At this year's dinner, the foundation presented nine new

scholarships, including the Betty Nguyen Texas Exes Scholarship, honoring the CNN anchor and UT alumna.

Each donor has his or her own scholarship criteria. However, a volunteer committee re-

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Population growth expected to boost average rent rates

By Kimberly Konwinski
Daily Texan Staff

Because the city of Austin is expected to create more than 19,000 jobs this year, an influx of new residents will increase demand for apartments, raising rental rates. A collection of market data from Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services predicted a 9-percent drop in apartment vacancy rates in the Austin area this year. Although the high rental rates are causing apartment complexes around the city to lose business, apartments near campus are actually increasing their business.

Average monthly rates are expected to rise to \$864 per month, but larger real estate companies

around the campus area haven't been experiencing the effects. Tony Fuentes, a realtor at Ely Properties, one of the largest brokers in the area, said the annual influx of students helps to divert pressures on prices and that very few properties are ever left vacant.

Outside of the UT area, there will be the problem of vacancies as people lose jobs and can't afford living costs as prices go up, he said.

Fuentes said that although national statistics may reflect the strains in the real estate market as a result of price increases, the UT campus area on its own is completely sheltered from such

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Ellen Choi | Daily Texan Staff

Fewer vacant apartments and higher average rent are two effects of the city of Austin's efforts to create jobs.

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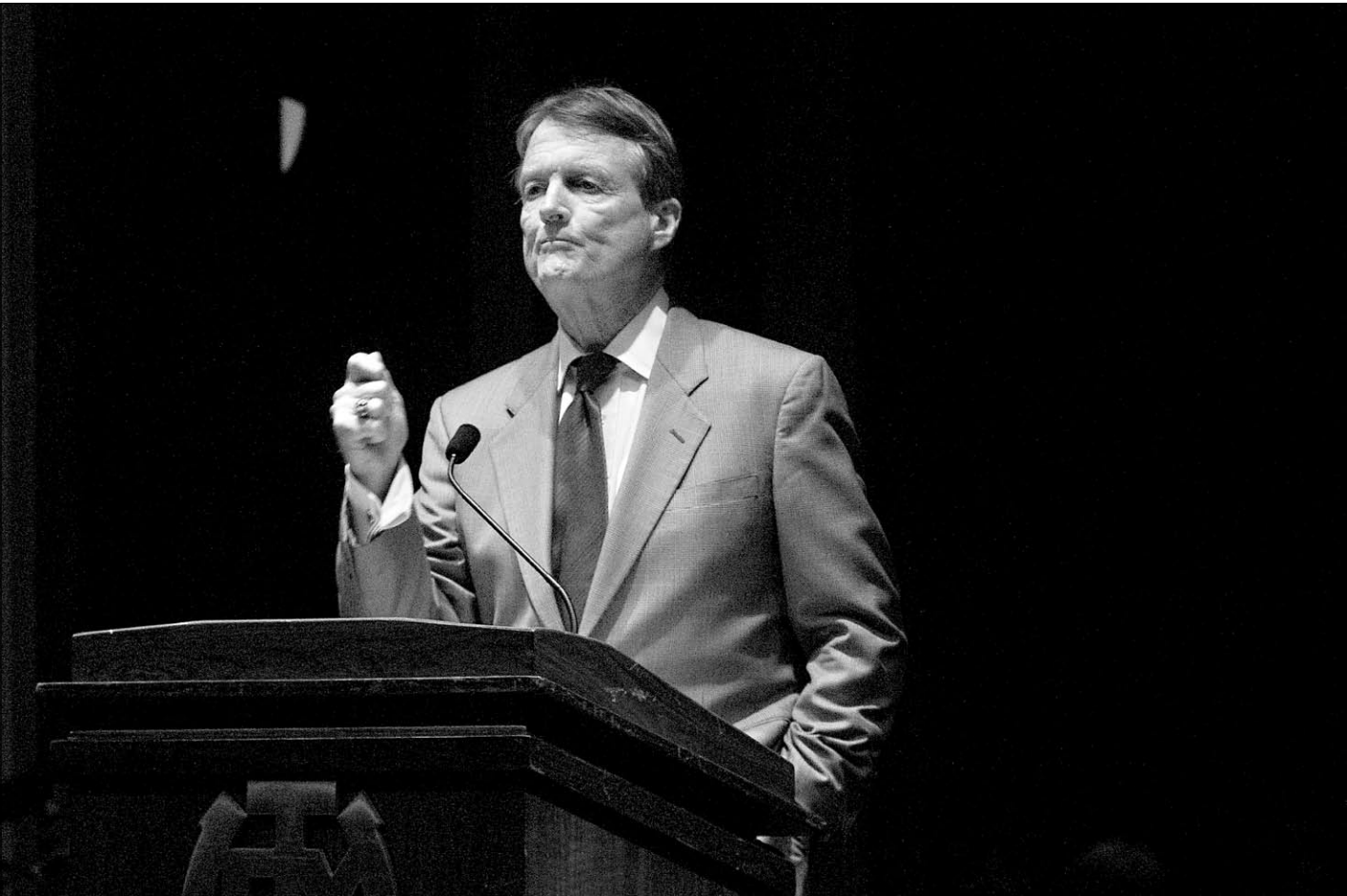
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DINNER: Aid meant to foster leadership



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

UT President William Powers Jr. spoke on Thursday at a scholarship banquet for Texas Exes, during which 314 students who were honored with scholarships had the chance to meet the donors.

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views the applications before they are submitted to the scholarship donors.

"We evaluate students individually in groups of 10," said Ron Pollock, a volunteer with the scholarship committee. "Then we submit rankings back to Texas Exes and then they are reviewed again, to give everyone an equal chance. Then some people in the committee will rank them and the top ones will be brought in for interviews."

The event was the first time

scholarship sponsors met the students that received their money.

Jack and Beverly Randall said they were excited to meet their recipient, mechanical engineering freshman Mark Mikhaeil, who was awarded the Beverly R. and Jack P. Randall Family Challenge Grant Scholarship.

The couple created the scholarship to attract the brightest minority students to the engineering school, the Randalls said.

"We wanted the best of the best," Beverly Randall said.

Jack Randall said he hopes

the scholarship will inspire Mikhaeil to be a leader in the community.

"We want him to be a role model," he said. "We want him to graduate with a degree in engineering and go back and recruit other people from his community to study engineering here."

Mikhaeil said he was surprised to receive the scholarship from the Randalls. He said students should apply for scholarships because they have nothing to lose.

"You might as well try for it," he said. "You don't know what's

going to happen and it's a good surprise if you do get it."

Texas Exes executive director Jim Boon said that in many cases the relationships made at the dinner usually result in internships, jobs or life-long friendships.

"This gives a chance for these student scholarship recipients to meet a real person who is invested in their future," Boon said. "I don't think there is anything better than that: creating that personal bond between a scholarship recipient and a person that wrote the check for them to go to school."

RENT: West Campus apartments immune to recession

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effects because of the number of students that are in need of living space.

"The apartments here, especially the good ones, are gone as fast as they appear," said Blue Adrian Alozie, an international relations and global studies sophomore and J26 resident. "Some of my friends tried to find apartments around March, and even then, some of their first choices were already full."

Although Alozie said that he is only fairly satisfied with the maintenance services at his apartment, he plans on renewing his lease for the next year to avoid the hassles of moving things all over again.

The 21 Rio apartment complex in West Campus has already recorded better occupancy numbers in 2010 than they had the previous year. Katy McBride, leasing and market- ing manager at 21 Rio, attributes not only the influx of stu-

dents to their company's success, but also great customer service and resident attention to keep renters coming back.

Many companies and apartment complexes aren't looking to expand or build new units in the near future because of the difficulty in obtaining capital necessary for development, said Jay Hartzell, director of the Real Estate Finance and Investment Center at the McCombs School of Business. Not only will this affect ris-

ing prices, but a greater demand for living space will give landlords the opportunity to be able to charge a higher rent, which could lead to problems for some students.

New residents, however, aren't the only factors to an expected rise in prices.

"At a macro level, tighter mortgage credit standards mean that some renters who might have been able to buy a house three or four years ago must now remain in apartments," Hartzell said.

POLICE: Quintana challenges firing decision over DWI arrest

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believed to be involved in several robberies. Upon being woken up, Quintana said he saw Sanders reach for a gun and fired in self-defense. Quintana's police vehicle's camera was turned off during the incident.

Quintana is not disputing charges of drunken driving in January, but he is attempting to

get back on the force by challenging Acevedo's decision to fire him over the charges. The hearing will continue today at 9 a.m.

At the time of his arrest in May, Quintana's blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit. The former officer had left the house of a friend with a woman and attempted to drive

two miles to his house when he was arrested.

Acevedo said it was not only a bad judgment call to drive drunk, but considering he and the woman could have stayed at his friend's house that night, Quintana should not have been selfish and disregarded the interests of the city.

"I have no use for an employee that puts his best interest in front of the best interest of the city," Acevedo said.

Tom Stribling, Quintana's attorney, said the normal disciplinary action for police officers who drink and drive is a 15-day suspension, and that, other than turning off his camera before the officer-involved shooting, Acevedo has not proven

BORDER: Perry's speech misstates Juarez situation

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get the federal funding we need," White said. "Not only has Rick Perry failed to obtain the federal resources we've needed, now he's blaming [his failures] on D.C."

Gov. Perry has also called for more troops on the border. He delivered a letter to President Obama during the president's Aug. 9 visit to Austin asking for 1,000 more National Guard troops to be stationed on the Mexican border.

Southern Methodist University political science professor Cal Jillson said he doubted either Perry or White's plan would make much of a dent in the problem.

"With 1.5 million undocumented immigrants in Texas, it's hard to see how the piecemeal efforts described by either candidate will have much impact," he said.

Although he called for more security personnel along the border, White also criticized Perry for exaggerating the threat of violence from drug trafficking, noting that Perry mistakenly said a car bomb had exploded in El Paso recently.

"[Perry] did not know that Juárez is not El Paso. We need a governor who knows that Juárez is not part of Texas."

In the letter to Obama, Perry said drug-related violence had occurred in Pharr, McAllen and El Paso in the last two years and that drug cartels have agents operating on both sides of the border.

El Paso only has had two murders so far this year, said Detective Mike Baranyay, a spokesman for the El Paso Police Department. Estimates put the murder rate in Ciudad Juárez, which sits just across the Río Grande from El Paso, at around 2,700.

A study released Wednesday by the Pew Hispanic Center also shows the number of illegal immigrants living in the U.S. dropped from 12 million in 2007 to 11.2 million last year. The flow of illegal immigrants into the U.S. has also dramatically slowed over the last decade, the report said.

Perry criticized White's plan for using more federal funds to pay for border security.

"If my opponent's position is that he would take any money out of D.C., regardless of the strings attached, then he is espousing the same position of the Michigan governor or some of the governors of what we would consider to be failed states," he said. "The idea that he, somehow, is going to magically make these dollars appear is a bit humorous."

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Split Sudan fights for oil-rich lands on future border

By Maggie Fick
The Associated Press
AGOK, Sudan — Four months before Southern Sudan is scheduled to hold an independence referendum, tensions are already rising in this oil-rich region that sits on the expected future border, with allegations the central government is using violence and ethnic cleansing to sway the vote.

Leaders in Sudan's north and south are in a tug-of-war over the central Sudan region of Abyei, home to oil fields worth hundreds of millions of dollars. In conjunction with Southern Sudan's independence referendum scheduled for Jan. 9, Abyei is to vote the same day to decide if it should belong in Sudan's north or in a possible new country in the south.

Sudan's government in Khartoum, which would preside over only northern Sudan if the independence referendum passes as expected, wants Abyei in its sphere. It may be sending Arab tribesman to settle in this Connecticut-sized patch of land to influence Abyei's vote, according to officials in Agok, an Abyei town with a bustling market.

Both the north and south argue that their people belong in

Abyei, a sandy tan landscape that bursts green with lush grasses during the rainy season. The south's Sudan Peoples' Liberation Movement says the Ngok Dinka are the traditional inhabitants, while the north's National Congress Party says the semi-nomadic Misseriah — Arabs from the north — should retain cattle grazing rights.

The top official in Abyei, Deng Arop Kuol, recently accused Khartoum of planning to resettle 75,000 ethnic Misseriah in villages where Ngok Dinka, who are southern Christians or animists, have historically lived. More Arab-leaning inhabitants of Abyei could translate into more northern-oriented votes in January.

An international official in Sudan said it is "very likely" Misseriah are settling in northern Abyei, though Kuol's numbers are probably inflated. Reports going back to last year indicated Arab settlers are moving in, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic between the south and north.

A Misseriah tribal chief, Mukhtar Babu Nimr, dismissed the accusations, saying there aren't even 75,000 Misseriah.



Pete Muller | Associated Press

Members and supporters of the Southern Sudan police as they escort a referendum march through the southern capital of Juba Aug. 9.

East Coast threatened by Earl



Courtesy of NOAA

This satellite image provided by NOAA shows Hurricane Earl on Thursday. Earl packed winds near 140 mph as it blew toward North Carolina on, putting the East Coast up to Maine on alert for a Labor Day weekend pounding by waves, gales and rain.

By Mike Baker
The Associated Press
BUXTON, N.C. — The last ferry left for the mainland and coastal residents hunkered down at home as Hurricane Earl closed in with 115 mph winds Thursday on North Carolina's dangerously exposed Outer Banks, the first and potentially most destructive stop on the storm's projected journey up the Eastern Seaboard.

The hurricane's leading edge brought on-and-off light rain in the afternoon to the long ribbon of barrier islands, which were expected to get the brunt of the storm around midnight. Heavy surf was already washing over the only highway on Ocracoke Island before sundown but crews were able to keep the road open.

Earl's arrival could mark the start of at least 24 hours of stormy, windy weather along the East Coast. During its march

up the Atlantic, it could snarl travelers' Labor Day weekend plans and strike a second forceful blow to the vacation homes and cottages on Long Island, Nantucket Island and Cape Cod.

It was unclear exactly how close Earl's center and its strongest winds would get to land. But Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Craig Fugate said people shouldn't wait for the next forecast to act.

"This is a day of action. Conditions are going to deteriorate rapidly," he said.

Shelters were open in inland North Carolina, and officials on Nantucket Island, Mass., planned to set up a shelter at a high school on Friday. North Carolina shut down ferry service between the Outer Banks and the mainland. Boats were being pulled from the water in the Northeast, and lobstermen

in Maine set their traps out in deeper water to protect them.

Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick and Rhode Island Gov. Donald Carcieri declared a state of emergency. Similar declarations have also made in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

As of Thursday afternoon, though, the only evacuations ordered were on the Outer Banks, which sticks out into the Atlantic Ocean like the side-view mirror on a car, vulnerable to a sideswiping. About 35,000 tourists and residents were urged to leave.

Earl weakened into a Category 3 storm with 115 mph winds on Thursday. A slow winding down was expected to continue as the storm moved into cooler waters, but forecasters warned the size of the storm's wind field was increasing, similar to what happened when Hurricane Katrina approached the Gulf Coast five years ago.

"It will be bigger. The storm won't be as strong, but they spread out as they go north and the rain will be spreading from New England," National Hurricane Center Director Bill Read said.

The eye of the storm was expected to pass about 50 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C. But even at that distance, Earl could have a punishing effect, since hurricane-force winds of 74 mph or more extended 70 miles from its center and tropical storm-force winds of at least 35 mph reached more than 200 miles out.

Earl is expected to move north-northeast for much of Friday, staying away from New Jersey and the other mid-Atlantic states, but also passing very close to Long Island, Cape Cod and Nantucket, which could get gusts up to 100 mph. The storm is expected to finally move ashore in Canada sometime Saturday afternoon.

All crew members survive explosion on Gulf oil platform; no spill found

By Alan Sayre
The Associated Press
NEW ORLEANS, La. — An oil platform exploded and burned off the Louisiana coast Thursday, the second such disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in less than five months. This time, the Coast Guard said there was no leak, and no one was killed.

The Coast Guard initially reported that an oil sheen a mile long and 100 feet wide had begun to spread from the site of the blast, about 200 miles west of the source of BP's massive spill. But hours later, Coast Guard Cmdr.

Cheri Ben-Iesau said crews were unable to find any spill.

The company that owns the platform, Houston-based Mariner Energy, did not know what caused the explosion.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Mariner officials told him there were seven active production wells on the platform, and they were shut down shortly after the fire broke out.

Jindal said the company told him the fire began in 100 barrels of light oil condensate, but officials did not know yet what sparked the flames.

The Coast Guard said Mariner Energy reported the oil sheen. In a public statement, the company said an initial flyover did not show any oil.

Photos from the scene showed at least five ships floating near the platform. Three of them were shooting great plumes of water onto the machinery. Light smoke could be seen drifting across the deep blue waters of the gulf.

By late afternoon, the fire on the platform was out.

The platform is in about 340 feet of water and about 100 miles

south of Louisiana's Vermilion Bay. Its location is considered shallow water, much less than the approximately 5,000 feet where BP's well spewed oil and gas for three months after the April rig explosion that killed 11 workers.

Responding to any oil spill in shallow water would be much easier than in deep water, where crews depend on remote-operated vehicles to access equipment on the sea floor.

A Homeland Security update obtained by The Associated Press said the platform was producing 58,800 gallons of oil and 900,000 cubic feet of gas per day. The platform can store 4,200 gallons of oil.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said the administration has "response assets ready for deployment should we receive reports of pollution in the water."

All 13 of the platform's crew members were rescued from the water. They were found huddled together in insulated survival outfits called "Gumby suits" for their resemblance to the cartoon character.

"These guys had the presence of mind, used their training to get into those Gumby suits before they entered the water," Coast Guard spokesman Chief Petty Officer John Edwards said.

The captain of the boat that rescued the platform crew said his vessel was 25 miles away when it received a distress call Thursday morning from the platform.

The Crystal Clear, a 110-foot boat, was in the Gulf doing routine maintenance work on oil rigs and platforms. When Capt. Dan Shaw arrived at the scene of the blast, the workers were holding hands in the water, where they



Gerald Herbert | Associated Press

Boats are seen spraying water on an oil and gas platform that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana on Thursday. All 13 crew members were rescued.

had been for two hours. They were thirsty and tired.

"We gave them soda and water, anything they wanted to drink," Shaw said. "They were just glad to be on board with us."

Shaw said the blast was so sudden that the crew did not have time to get into lifeboats. They did not mention what might have caused the blast.

Crew members were being flown to a hospital in Houma. The Coast Guard said one person was injured, but the company said there were no injuries. All of them were released by early Thursday evening.

Jindal met with some of the survivors. He would not identify them except to say most were from Louisiana.

Environmental groups and some lawmakers said the inci-

dent showed the dangers of offshore drilling, and urged the Obama administration to extend a temporary ban on deepwater drilling to shallow water, where this platform was located.

"How many accidents are needed and how much environmental and economic damage must we suffer before we act to contain and control the source of the danger: offshore drilling?" said Rep. Frank Pallone, a New Jersey Democrat.

Mike Gravit, oceans advocate for Environment America, said President Barack Obama "should need no further wake-up call to permanently ban new drilling."

There are about 3,400 platforms operating in the Gulf, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

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VIEWPOINT

We deserve a debate

Editor's note: On Aug. 27, five major Texas newspapers jointly announced they would sponsor a gubernatorial debate on the UT campus with KLRU-TV, Austin's public television station. With the election only a couple of months away, the newspapers' announcement was meant to put pressure on Bill White and Gov. Rick Perry to debate each other and inform the electorate of their positions. White has announced he will attend the debate, but Perry has so far refused. The Texan has teamed up with nine major college newspapers around the state, representing a total of 250,000 students, to take to the editorial page and add urgency to that request: We want a debate.

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The Daily Texan (UT-Austin)	enrollment: 51,000
The Daily Campus (Southern Methodist University)	enrollment: 11,000
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The University Star (Texas State University)	enrollment: 30,800
Daily Skiff (Texas Christian University)	enrollment: 8,700
The Lariat (Baylor University)	enrollment: 14,800
The Collegian (UT- Brownsville)	enrollment: 17,200
Accent (Austin Community College)	enrollment: 40,200
The Daily Toreador (Texas Tech University)	enrollment: 30,000
The Shorthorn (UT-Arlington)	enrollment 28,000
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On Oct. 19, UT is supposed to host a gubernatorial debate between Gov. Rick Perry and Bill White, but there's a good chance that White will stand on stage alone for an hour, fielding questions from a panel of newspaper representatives.

The governor refuses to debate White until he releases tax returns from when he served as deputy energy secretary under President Clinton from 1993-95 and Texas Democratic Party chairman from 1995-98.

Whether or not you believe White should release the records, one thing is clear: Perry should not be able to define the terms under which he will debate. The debate isn't about him and his grievances with the White campaign — it's about informing the voters.

Perry's repeated refusal to debate White is petty and does a disservice to voters who would like to hear the candidates — both of them — answer tough questions before they go to the polls.

It's true that strategically, Perry has the least to gain by showing up at the debate. He's the incumbent, after all, and he's leading in polls. But Perry needs to stop thinking like a politician and start acting like a public servant. As the current — and possibly future — leader of the state, he owes it to every voter to stand next to White and justify his actions as governor and explain why Texans should vote for him.

Perry needs to explain, for example, how he would approach the projected budget shortfall next spring when the Legislature is in session. We presume that students would especially like to hear him debate White on his plans for funding higher education.

Without a debate, the voters lack the necessary information about the candidates and their positions. Voters need to hear direct questions and direct answers, the type that would be provided in a debate setting. It is not enough to read vague and hyperbolic campaign materials.

Perry also refused to meet with Texas editorial boards this election. His spokesman Mark Miner said they believe "a better use of the governor's time is to talk directly to Texans and reporters throughout the state."

The Perry campaign is in luck because the debate is an opportunity to directly communicate with a huge audience of Texans.

By blowing off the debate, Perry is not acting like the governor of Texas. That position should be filled by someone who will represent and serve the people of Texas. Instead, he's acting like a typical self-serving politician.

We hope he reconsiders his decision because we'd like to see a vigorous and productive debate. We're confident Texas voters would, too.

— Lauren Winchester for the editorial board

GALLERY



The teacher becomes the student

By Brandon Curl
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

Once, I was a middle school science teacher with Teach For America. Now, having returned to school as a graduate student, I find myself on the other side of the classroom but with a new and unshakable perspective.

Like Eve becoming embarrassed by her own nakedness after eating from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, I am now keenly aware of my new instructors' strengths and shortcomings.

While I have already delighted in exemplary instruction here at UT, I have also been disappointed by the familiar hallmarks of bad teaching so often present in my own classroom.

Sitting in a crowded lecture hall on the first day of class, I was surprised to find that the least punctual member of class was the professor. After starting class nearly 10 minutes late, he hurried through his syllabus presentation and unceremoniously dismissed us one hour early.

In another class, the professor was only slightly more engaging than the chair I was sitting in. His deadpan delivery of "I'm so excited" that sent the class into stifled snickers was rivaled only by multiple reminders of the fact that nobody ever seems to like his class. We probably won't either, he says. Such an endorsement of an advertising class gave new meaning to the term "hard sell."

Most distressing, however, was the amount of time my teachers ceded to early dismissal on the first day. Of my first week's 270 minutes of sanctioned class time, my teachers used only 135 — exactly half. Shouldn't professors take advantage of every possible minute allocated for instruction?

Either way, I'm paying for it, and for a non-resident graduate student like myself, every minute of class costs about \$1. In other words, somebody owes me \$135.

Why is such poor instruction routine? I think the answer lies in the University's emphasis on research to the detriment of teaching.

UT ranks 18th on the Center for Measuring University Performance's most recent rankings of the Top American Research Universities. Institutional wealth, of which the research dollar is key, is a primary indicator of university quality, according to a study by Arizona State University.

Clearly research is a priority at the University. In 2007, UT brought in more than \$446 million for research, which has steadily risen to \$510 million.

But research and teaching shouldn't be mutually exclusive. Four schools rank in both the top 10 on the center's list as well as on the U.S. News & World Report's list of Best Undergraduate Teaching Colleges. They are Stanford, Yale, Berkeley and Michigan. Where's UT on that teaching list? Not ranked.

Does this mean UT should neglect research? No, of course not. But teaching has to become at least equally important. That accountability starts from the top with the hiring, training and retaining of excellent teachers, not just researchers.

Perhaps I'm being too hard on my teachers. After all, it was just the first week. But as a former teacher myself, I fear where this is headed.

Curl is an advertising graduate student.

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Magic Festival casts spell on Austinites

Celebration gives families, kids chance to participate in feats of skillful dexterity

By **Kenyatta Giddings**
Daily Texan Staff

If all the world's a stage, the inaugural Austin Street Magic Festival made Red River and Sixth streets nothing short of a spectacle.

The free festival took place Thursday evening and kicked off the Texas Association of Magicians Convention, one of the largest gatherings of magicians in the world. The event featured family-friendly acts early in the evening, including children's activities presented by the Kent Cummins Magic Camp.

"The camp really teaches time management, leadership, team-building and how to handle special needs children," said Drew Johnson, a counselor and former camper.

Campers collaborated with children attending the festival by demonstrating simple tricks. Texas Parkour was also in attendance, using the street as their obstacle course to showcase physical discipline through acrobatics. Those in attendance were also treated to a UT-related history lesson from Ron Cartledge, a magician who performs Harry Houdini's tricks.

"Houdini actually came to the University of Texas when students challenged him to an escape from a straitjacket, and he succeeded," Cartledge said.

As the night progressed, the acts became progressively more dangerous. Various restaurants, bars and hotels served as performance arenas for magicians as a complement to the festival.

The Austin Street Magic Festival is sponsored by the Society of American Magicians Assembly 206, second only to the New York City Assembly as the largest magic club in the world. Assembly 206 hosts the association's annual convention, which takes place Labor Day weekend.

"Many of the magicians who



Jason Lemmen | Daily Texan Staff

Juggling magicians perform on stage as rain-soaked spectators look on, celebrating street performance on Red River and fifth streets Thursday evening.

want to attend the convention are coming in early to the festival," said TAOM association president Hull Youngblood.

One of the convention's main features is a magic contest with cash prizes of up to \$2000.

"We are really excited about the quality of folks we have," Youngblood said. "It's one of those contests people want to be in. The TAOM trophy has some real value."

Winners from the 2009 contest have also been asked to perform at this year's competition.

Magicians, musicians, clowns, jugglers and other performers also put on an act at the street festival for the general public to enjoy.

"The street festival is a 'thank

you' to the city of Austin and to let them see more of the magic that is related to the convention," Youngblood said.

The festival allowed Austinites to view the vast presence of magicians within the city. Dan Page, chairman of the festival, treated the crowd to some magic tricks using attendees as participants in his act.

The growth of the magic-interested community was apparent from the number of people in attendance at the festival.

"We want the public to become aware that there is a giant magic community in Austin," Page said. "You'd think it may be Hollywood or Las Vegas, but it's Austin, Texas."



Jason Lemmen | Daily Texan Staff

This friendly street performer warmly greeted rained-out patrons with a colorful hula hoop. The Austin Street Magic Festival provided free, family-friendly entertainment for the general public.

Hutchisons found guilty of assaulting eight people

By **Aziza Musa**
Daily Texan Staff

After deliberating for nearly an hour Thursday, the jury found La Grange brothers LaBaaron Hutchison and Brandon Hutchison guilty on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

In May 2009, the brothers were kicked out of Spiros nightclub after getting into an argument with promoter Ramone Stewart about their rap group's performance time. According to affidavits, they returned with guns once the club closed for the night and shot eight people.

"Because the evidence was so overwhelming, there was nothing the jury could do but give a guilty verdict," said defense attorney Ken Fesler.

Following the verdict, defense attorney Michael Driver asked for probation, and the jury deliberated for approximately 90 minutes. The brothers each received the maximum punishment — 20 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

"They'll have the possibility of parole in 10 years from May 29, 2009, when they voluntarily turned themselves in to the La Grange Sheriff's Department," Fesler said.

Judge Wilford Flowers then asked if LaBaaron Hutchison, 22, and Brandon Hutchison, 26, wanted to say anything.

The younger brother faced the victims, their families and his family to apologize. Fesler said Brandon Hutchison apologized to his mom, Jada Walker, and his wife, Kassidy Kobar, for what he did.

Once the sentencing stage ended, Fesler and Assistant District Attorney Rob Drummond negotiated a plea for the other six cases. The sentences, ranging from two to 10 years, will run concurrently with the maximum punishment.



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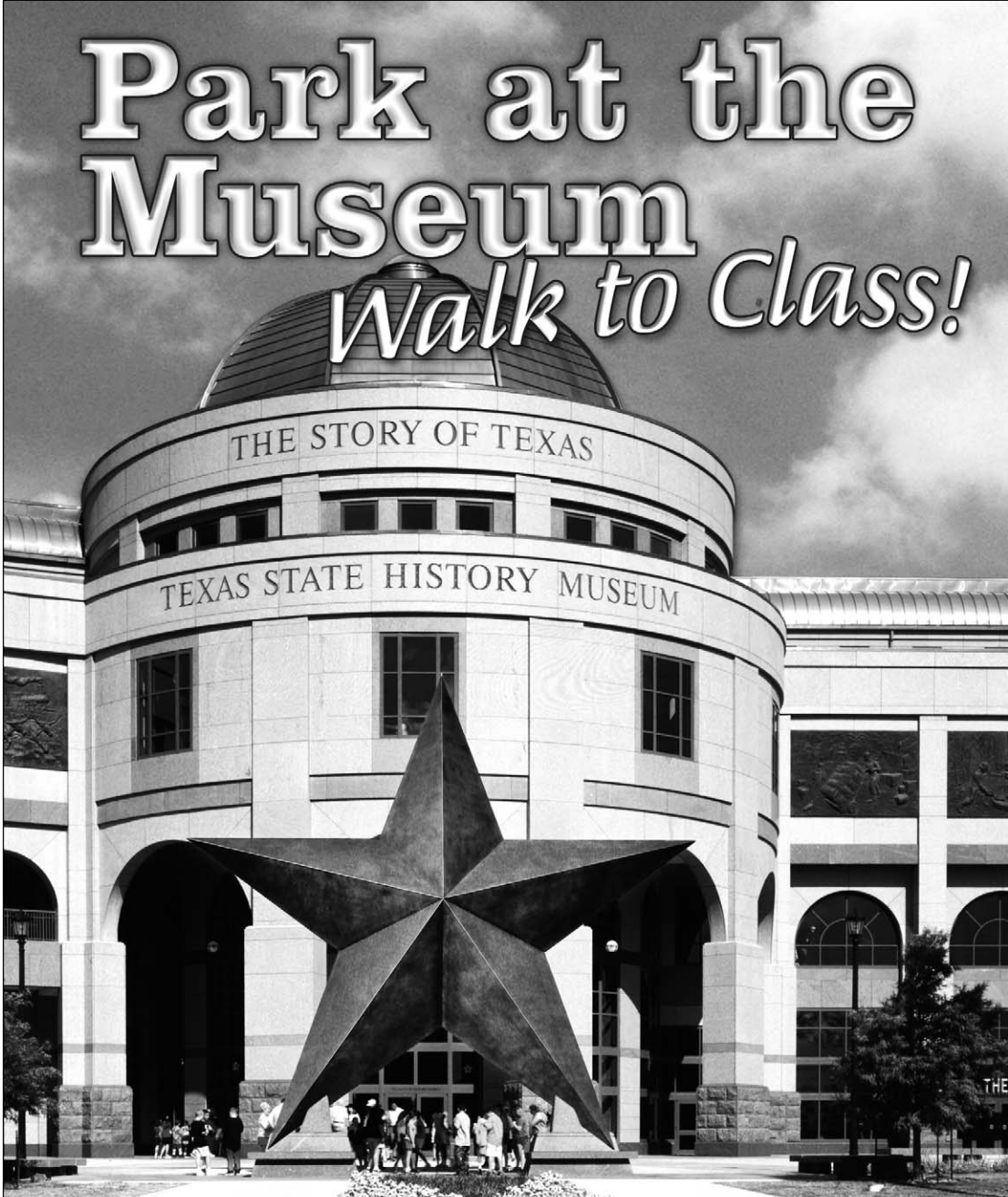
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Capitol implements increased security measures

By Nadia Hill
Daily Texan Staff

The Capitol implemented new security policies this week, complete with metal detectors, additional staff members and an influx of M4 semi-automatic rifles. The additional security was added in response to an incident outside the Capitol in January, when a visitor opened fire on the South Lawn.

The security plan includes metal detectors, X-ray machines, enhanced medical response and capability, additional bomb-detection canines, increased trooper foot and street patrols, an emergency mass-notification system for the Capitol complex, additional surveillance cameras and physical upgrades to include bollards.

One of the new measures includes the highly accurate M4 rifles that Department of Public Safety troopers use in daily patrols. DPS purchased the firearms, which are primarily used to protect the canine units that patrol the Capitol.

Lisa Block, a DPS spokeswoman, said the new policies were meant to keep the much-visited tourist site safe.

“The department’s job is to secure citizens. Giving troopers better weapons is part of that plan,” she said. “It’s not just the guy accused of firing gunshots. We live in a post-9/11 world, and buildings need to be secure.”

The M4s are used because they have EOTech technology, which uses a laser with a focus circle for improved accuracy, similar to a laser gun.

“The M4 is a rifle that is department-tested and purchased to replace its older model, mini-14s,” Block said. “The M4 is used by various law-enforcement agencies across the country.”

Fausto Cardenas, a Houston resident, entered the offices of Sen. Dan Patrick, R-Hous-



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Starting this week, the Capitol has implemented new security measures, including metal detectors, X-ray machines and additional bomb-detection canines. The policies come after a Capitol visitor opened fire on the South Lawn in January.

ton, last January and demanded a private meeting with one of the senator’s female staffers. Minutes later, after being turned away, police say Cardenas unloaded six shots on the South Lawn of the Capitol and was ar-

rested by the DPS.

“I called Department of Public Safety to tell them they need to talk to this guy because we didn’t know his mental state or if he was armed,” said Logan Spence, the senator’s chief of staff. “I heard

whistles and yelling and looked down, and the same guy is being arrested by DPS troopers. Then the DPS took it from there.”

Tourists should not feel uneasy in the presence of the new firearms and metal detectors, Block said.

“We hope the sight of the guns will help people feel safer,” she said. “We know that criminals often have sophisticated weapons, and this is to keep our citizens, our legislators and our personnel safe.”

Grace Hulbert, a tourist from Branchburg, N.J., said she is not bothered by the new security measures.

“It definitely makes me feel safer,” she said. “Anyone could walk through those doors.”

Ten local streets face traffic issues in TxDot report

By David Colby
Daily Texan Staff

Commuters in Austin waste millions of dollars and countless hours on some of the most congested roads in the state, according to a report released this week by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Travis County roads claimed 10 of the 100 places on the report, which ranked roads based on the estimated amount of money lost because of congestion, along with the amount of time that congestion on each road adds to a commute during peak hours. This report comes in advance of city bond elections, which will be held in November.

Among the most congested roads were North Lamar Boulevard, from 45th Street to Sixth Street, as well as MoPac Boulevard and Interstate Highway 35, all of which are major routes for UT students who commute to campus. Lamar came in number one on the list’s congestion index, which ranks the time added to a 20-minute commute during peak time. A trip that would typically take 20 minutes on Lamar took an average of 32 minutes, according to the report.

“Lamar is a trouble spot because you have so many driveways and intersections,” said transportation engineering professor Chandra Bhat. “There are also many businesses and ethnic communities on Lamar which add to the congestion.”

John Hurt, spokesman for the Texas Department of Transportation, said Lamar presents unique challenges for transportation officials because of the limited amount of space available for expansion and road construction work.

“There’s not a whole lot you can do with Lamar as far as spreading out,” he said. “To relocate all of those businesses, the cost would be almost astronomical.”

The city of Austin has no plans in the works to reduce congestion on Lamar, said

Leah Fillion of the Austin Transportation Department. The Austin Strategic Mobility Plan is still in the planning stages of its first phase and will address the problems on arterial streets, like Lamar, in coming years.

City officials and experts agree that innovative and creative alternatives, such as car sharing, will be necessary in order to solve the wide range of issues Austin drivers face.

“You only have so much real estate to expand on roads, and we have kind of reached a certain capacity,” Fillion said.

Bhat agreed that fixing Austin’s transportation issues would require a multifaceted approach to the problem.

“We are at a point in traffic congestion in which no one solution will cut it. There is no silver bullet,” he said.

He criticized approaches that focus only on expanding road capacity or traffic efficiency, saying he prefers solutions that would reduce the number of vehicles on the roads as a whole.

“What about strategies that obviate the need to commute to work? I’m talking about telecommuting,” Bhat said, adding that if employees in Austin work at home once a month, congestion could be reduced by about 5 percent. “I feel industry leaders in the Austin area might be able to come together and do something about this.”

Bhat pointed to Austin’s new commuter rail — and new real-estate developments like The Domain in northwest Austin — as other important components in a long-term solution to traffic woes, provided Austin implements these solutions intelligently.

“People in general tend to prefer commuter rail over the bus if given the choice,” he said. “However, if a commuter rail is not within a mile of a person’s house or of their destination, most people do not consider commuter rail as an option.”

APD prepares for Labor Day DWIs

By Nadia Hill
Daily Texan Staff

To effectively deal with the high number of drunken drivers over Labor Day weekend, the Texas Department of Public Safety is ramping up its security statewide.

“Every highway patrolter [and local police officers] will be participating as part of operation Combined Accident Reduction Effort (CARE), as well as other special programs to discourage drunk driving,” said department spokeswoman Lisa Block. “The primary purpose is to reduce fatalities and injuries.”

The Austin Police Depart-

ment refers to this weekend as a “no refusal” weekend, meaning that anyone suspected of driving while intoxicated will be offered a breathalyzer test. If the driver refuses, the officer will obtain a search warrant to get blood work done. Either way, suspects will be tested.

Last Labor Day Weekend, 27,108 alcohol-related crashes resulted in 955 deaths and 17,542 injuries in Texas, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In 2008, 25 percent of fatalities from alcohol-related crashes were between 20 and 25 years old.

“We want the end of summer

to be a memorable weekend, not your last one,” said David Baker, assistant director of the department’s Highway Patrol Division. “You can start by not drinking and driving.”

The increase in highway activity, alcohol consumption and general city traffic has Austin Police Department on the lookout for drunken drivers and other lawbreakers.

“Increased enforcement by DPS and other police agencies means the chances of getting a DWI or a ticket go up significantly on holiday weekends,” Baker said.

APD Cmdr. Stephen Baker said Labor Day weekend is popular

because it’s the end of the summer, and a lot of people take advantage of it.

“In Austin, we see a lot of pick-up on Friday and on Monday, so plan ahead,” he said. “If you plan on going out, take a cab and prepare to take one home.”

If convicted of a DWI for the first time, offenders will be fined up to \$2,000, could lose their driver’s license for up to a year and serve 180 days in jail. In 2009, DPS troopers arrested 715 people for DWIs and issued more than 13,000 speeding citations.

“Plan ahead,” he said. “Designate a driver, and don’t drink and drive. Drink. Drive. Go to jail.”

Supercomputing model to map tectonic plates

By Lydia Schendel
Daily Texan Staff

Researchers from the University’s Institute for Computational Engineering and Sciences have developed a revolutionary supercomputing model that will be used to study Earth’s tectonic plates.

Prior to this project, plate tectonics could not easily be studied on a global scale because computers were unable to process the large amounts of data involved.

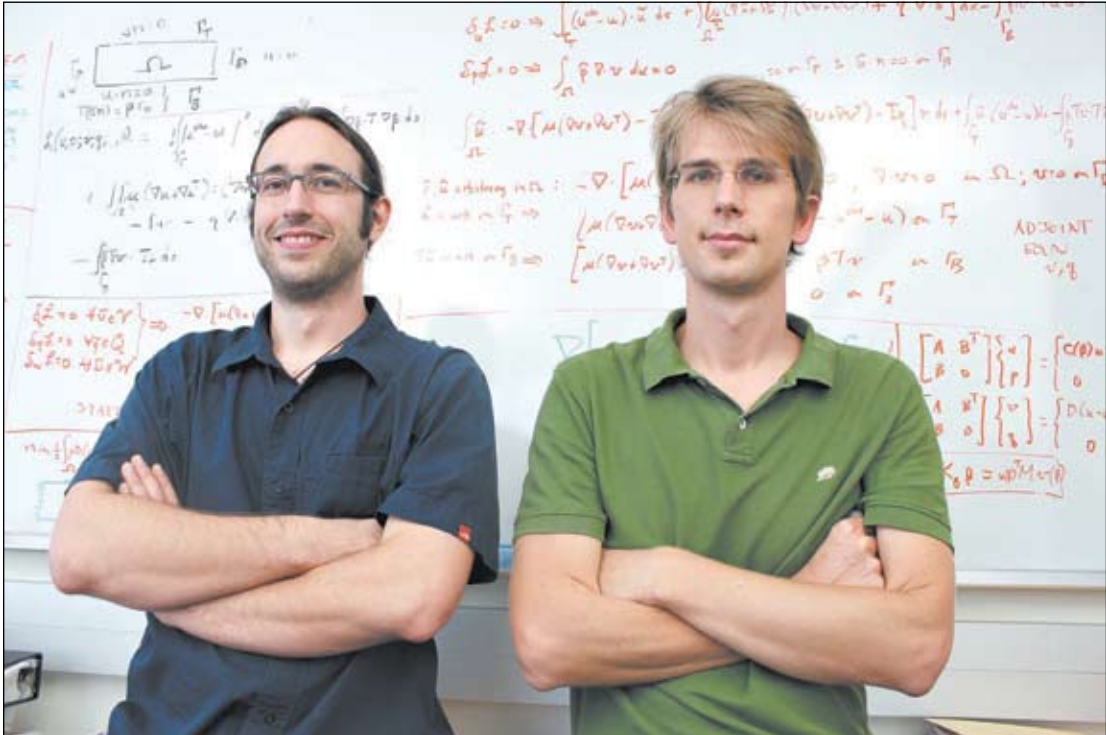
“It will change how people think in the field,” said researcher Georg Stadler. “Now, we can simulate the whole process, not just small pieces. Everything can be seen in a larger context.”

Stadler and Computational Engineering and Sciences researchers Omar Ghattas, Carsten Burstedde and Lucas C. Wilcox collaborated with the California Institute of Technology to create the new model.

“This project serves as a good example of the advances that can occur at the intersection of geosciences, applied math and computing when multidisciplinary teams come together to attack grand challenge problems,” Ghattas said.

According to Stadler, the group has spent three years developing code that can produce a representation of mantle convection, which causes the earth’s plates to move toward or away from each other. The research will show how the movement of one plate can impact another across the world.

“People knew what they would have to solve, but they weren’t



Grace Kim | Daily Texan Staff

Carsten Burstedde and Georg Stadler are two of the research associates from the ICES who are working on a new program to model plate tectonics.

able to, due to computational limits,” Stadler said. “Now, you can take the data and put it in a model to solve it. It will make other methods obsolete.”

Before, researchers had to combine data gathered from smaller regions and could only look at the larger picture of plate tectonics on a much smaller scale. The method, Adaptive Mesh Refinement, allows massive amounts of data to fit onto Ranger, one of four supercomputers at the Texas Advanced Computing Center at UT.

“It was exciting to see that the scientific problem really required very fine local resolution,” Burstedde said. “This motivated us to develop next-generation techniques for parallel Adaptive Mesh Refinement, which will likely be useful for other scientific applications as well.”

The group’s development of AMR algorithms is a finalist in the running for the Association for Computing Machinery’s 2010 Gordon Bell Prize in supercomputing. Their paper about the

model and its framework was featured as one of Science Magazine’s cover stories on Aug. 27.

Jackson School of Geosciences professor Mark Cloos said that advances in modern technology, like this model, are changing the way scientists learn about our planet.

“The ability to do supercomputing is opening new vistas towards understanding possible flowage patterns deep in the earth,” he said. “It’s a whole new frontier.”

PURSUIT OF 1000

Coaches reflect on journey to milestone



Kevin Delahunty | Daily Texan Staff

Texas celebrates a win over Southwest Texas State on Sept. 10, 1995, in Gregory Gym. The 1995 team made it to the championship match, where they fell to Hawaii.

By Shabab Siddiqui
Daily Texan Staff

July 10, 1974. Daily Texan readers were consumed with stories that included words such as “tapes,” “crooks” and “Watergate,” so they likely glazed over the tiny, 60-word brief tucked away on the back sports page with a headline that read, “Volleyball Gets Coach.”

As the Longhorns gear up for tonight’s matchup with sixth-ranked Illinois, they have an opportunity to guide the program to its 1,000th win, becoming only the eighth team to do so.

While plenty has changed since the first burnt-orange-wearing servers, setters and hitters — after all, there was no designated libero back then — first took the court, a few common themes rope together the Longhorn volleyball legacy: hard work, support and an unquenchable need to be the best.

Pam Lampley took the reins of the program in 1974. The terse, hard-to-impress Tennessean guided the Longhorns to a 21-15 record in her first season as a coach, which was the best record among schools in Texas.

The year also marked a victory for women’s athletics, as then-UT President Stephen Spurr granted the creation of the first women’s athletics scholarships at the University. Only 10 total “grants-in-aid” were issued and were split among each of the seven women’s sports. Volleyball was one of those sports.

In 1976, Jody Conradt came

Volleyball sets up for 1000th win

Illustration by Simonetta Nieto | Daily Texan file photos

October 5, 1974

Texas records its first win against East Texas State with Coach Pam Lampley at the helm of the program

1981



The Longhorns nab their first national championship as members of the AIAW in coach Mick Haley’s second season

December 16, 1995

The team starts four freshmen en route to the championship game, where they fall to Nebraska in four sets

December 19, 2009



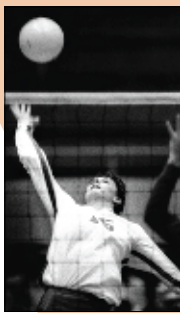
After going up 2-0, the Longhorns fall to Penn State in a wild, five-set finale

1976

Jody Conradt is hired as the women’s basketball and volleyball coach, becoming the first woman to be hired solely as a coach



December 17, 1988



Texas pulls off improbable sweeps against powerhouses Hawaii and UCLA to win the program’s only NCAA Championship

September 2, 2010



Texas records its 999th win in program history, becoming only the eighth team to reach the milestone

to the 40 Acres. Conradt became the first woman to be hired solely as a coach at Texas with no teaching responsibilities, as the majority of coaches then were teachers. Back then, 90 percent of women’s salaries were paid by the College of Education.

Conradt’s “man-sized,” \$19,000-per-year salary was subject of much attention at the time. While she would later be-

come the second-winningest coach in NCAA D-I women’s basketball, most people do not know that she simultaneously coached volleyball for her first two years — which included taking an overmatched Longhorn team to a surprising third-place finish in her first year.

“I grew up in an era where a lot of the players played a lot of different sports,” said Conradt,

who is now UT’s special assistant to the athletic director. “I had some players who played both sports.”

Mick Haley came in as head coach in 1980 and turned the program into a national contender overnight. The Longhorns captured the AIAW National Championship in 1981, a year they played 67 matches.

“At that time, you would go

to a tournament and you would play a number of teams,” said Haley, who now coaches at USC. “Back then, sets were only 15 points and you would only play three sets. But over the weekend, we could find ourselves playing 7-10 matches.”

UT women’s athletics programs jumped to the NCAA to

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VOLLEYBALL

NO. 3 TEXAS 3, FLORIDA A&M 0

Horns’ house protected in dominating win



Erika Rich | Daily Texan Staff

Texas huddles by the net on Thursday against Florida A&M. The Longhorns owned the net against the Rattlers, setting a school record for blocks in a three-set sweep with 20.

Longhorns set new school block record against Rattlers in fourth straight win in Texas Invitational

By Andy Lutz
Daily Texan Staff

As quickly as you could say “point Texas,” it became apparent that the Longhorns were simply a mismatch for the smaller, less athletic Florida A&M squad.

While the Rattlers held their own for the first half of each of the first two sets, it almost looked as if Texas had so much of a talent advantage that they didn’t know what to do with it.

However, just as head coach Jerrett Elliott had hoped, it didn’t seem like the Longhorns were overlooking the less-threatening Rattler squad in anticipation of what’s to come next this weekend — a pair of marquee matchups against No. 5 Illinois and No. 23 Long Beach State tonight and Saturday night, respectively.

With the 25-18, 25-18, 25-10 triumph in

the opening match of the Time Warner Cable Texas Invitational, the Longhorns improved to 4-0 on the season and have swept all 12 sets that they have played.

The size difference in the match was made clearest by the Longhorns’ dominant play at the net, as they went on to set a school record for most blocks in a three-set sweep with 20.

Senior captain Juliann Faucette paced the Longhorns’ attack with eight kills, while senior middle blocker Jennifer Doris pitched in seven blocks and freshman setter Hannah Allison continued to impress with a 21-assist, 5-block performance Thursday. Junior Rachael Adams also had a standout game, making plays at the net to terminate any kind of Rattler rally before it could start. Adams notched four blocks in the first set alone and finished out the match with a five-kill third set. Sophomore starter Sha’Dare McNeal also pitched in five blocks of her own on

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NCAA VOLLEYBALL



Illinois at Texas
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NCAA SOCCER



Navy at Texas
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LONGHORNS IN THE NFL



13-13 for 131 yards, 0 touchdowns

Colt McCoy



One reception for 6 yards

Jordan Shipley



Three tackles, one sack

Roddrick Muckelroy



4-7 for 24 yards, one touchdown

Vince Young



Two carries for 45 yards

Ricky Williams

THIS DAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

September 3, 2005

Texas begins road to a BCS Championship with a 60-3 win over Louisiana-Lafayette at DKR Memorial Stadium. Freshman Jamaal Charles rushes for 135 yards and a touchdown in his Texas debut.



Safe travels to Houston.

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SOCCER



Freshman Gabby Zarnegar dribbles the ball against USC on Sunday. Zarnegar has started every game and has scored once this season.

Jeff Heimsath | Daily Texan Staff

Horns look to remain unbeaten

By Emily Brlansky
Daily Texan Staff

Texas will hit the field running at 7 today at Mike A. Myers Stadium to face off against Navy for the first time. Pregame activities begin at 5:30 this evening and will feature a variety of patriotic-themed commemorations to honor the nation’s armed forces and law enforcement crews.

The Longhorns (2-0-1) entered the polls this week for the first time coming in at 24th — the first time they have been in the top-25 since 2008.

Although Texas remains undefeated in the season so far, head coach Chris Petrucelli admits that there is room for improvement after the first three games.

“We’ve got to get better defen-

sively,” Petrucelli said. “We can’t keep giving up goals.”

Texas has allowed three goals through the first three games and at times, has struggled on defense.

“Overall, a team focused on defending is important for us. We’ve got to take better care of the ball and we’ve got to take better care of the lead,” he said.

On offense, Texas has been inconsistent. Last Friday against UTSA, the Longhorns dominated possession, which led to shot opportunities and three goals. The following Sunday against USC, a more evenly matched opponent, Texas struggled to find the same success.

This week in practice, the Longhorns worked on syncing their plan of attack and will

look to mobilize within a particular structure.

“Practice is a key element for any team’s success,” Petrucelli said.

Texas runs a 4-3-3 and uses their athletic midfielders and forwards to apply unrelenting pressure on opposing teams. The pressure leads to turnovers for the Longhorns, which allows them to set up their offense.

Texas’ defense is led by senior and captain Erica Campanelli, who has started every game in her fours years at Texas. Campanelli has been the Longhorns’ rock along the back line and leads the team in minutes played this season with 285. She’s going to need to be on the field for most of Friday’s match if Texas hopes to shut

down Navy’s scorers.

Navy freshman Ashlynn Soellner is the Mids’ go-to player on offense, and she already has two goals on eight shots for the season.

The 5-foot-10 Soellner uses her height to cause havoc for opposing defenses, especially inside the box. She’s already got one header on the year, a game winner in overtime in the Mids’ Aug. 29 win over George Mason.

Texas will look to key in on Soellner and the rest of the Navy offense to limit the shots goalkeeper Alexa Gaul sees. Gaul has been on her game so far this season, but Texas needs to stop giving up goals if they hope to remain undefeated.

“We’ve got to start thinking about shutouts,” Petrucelli said.

HISTORY: Haley leads Longhorns to two titles

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start the 1982 season. The team improved their record every year, culminating in 1988, when they were able to recapture the top spot.

The championship run included sweeping UCLA and Hawaii in the semi-finals and finals, respectively, despite the two teams going a combined 69-1 up to that point. The Longhorns also became the first team east of California to win a championship.

“It was just a really fun year,” Haley said. “Four seniors had us dedicated to win it. That [championship] opened up volleyball for the rest of the country.”

The team has finished in the top 20 almost every year in the last two decades, including runner-up finishes in 1995 and 2009.

While success has been a trademark of the program, it has never come easily, nor in an aesthetically pleasing fashion. Conradt recalls how in the days before full scholarships for women, the basketball and volleyball players used the same uniforms. Haley can tell stories about a pre-air conditioned Gregory Gym, where players would sweat out of their shoes.

“It wasn’t the same kind of situation that it is today,” Conradt said. “Women that played played because they loved it. That had

its advantages as today has its advantages.”

One unchanging factor has been support, both from the fans and the University.

“There was a commitment by the administration to hire a full-time athletic director for the women and sell the program,” Conradt said. “The most amazing thing about our program now is how many students come to watch volleyball.”

Current head coach Jerriott Elliott said he’s honored to be in charge of a program as it approaches the quadruple-digit win mark.

“You’re part of an athletic program that expects success,” Elliott said. “Our volleyball program has been successful in the past and now we’re back up into that position and we want to keep that at this level for as long as we’re here and be able to win and win some national championships.”

Christine Plonsky, the women’s head athletic director, said a victory over the weekend is a tribute to past successes and an opportunity for the future of the program.

“We’re really excited about our volleyball program being on the cusp for a benchmark number of victories,” Plonsky said.

“I think it speaks to the longevity of greatness in this program and that’s due to a lot of great players and a lot of great coaches.”

BLOCKS: Horns keeps defense going, tries for 1000th win

From page 7

UT’s record-setting night.


“Blocking has a huge correlation to winning volleyball matches, and if you are blocking three balls a game, you’re going to win a lot of games,” Elliott said. “We were averaging over six blocks per game tonight. It really made a difference.”

Each time the Longhorns reject-

ed a Rattler hit back over the net, the always-amped student section would chime in with a rally cry, “Whose house? Horns’ house!”

The players continued to respond, and before the end of the night, a new mark was set for excellent defense in a sweep.

The Longhorns look to keep its defensive swagger going when they go for their 1000th all-time victory tonight against Illinois.



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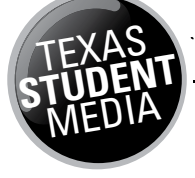
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Brazilian college doesn't guarantee higher job income

By Wendy Rubick
Daily Texan Staff

The pursuit of higher pay may not be the best motivating factor for young Brazilian students, visiting scholar Thais de Alcântara Peres said at a lecture in Sid Richardson Hall on Thursday.

Peres, who teaches at the University of Sao Paulo, examined the correlation between level of education and income in Brazil's largest city, Sao Paulo.

"Her statistics show that the percentage of people with higher education in the labor market are still making money, but at the sacrifice of people

with secondary education," said Julie Nordskog, program coordinator of the Brazil Center in the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies.

Similar to U.S. socioeconomic trends, Peres' study found a shrinking middle class between 2002-2009. Earning a high school diploma was the highest factor in obtaining employment, while high school graduate earnings became increasingly similar to non-high school graduates. The majority of jobs reserved for college graduates were in the lowest positions.

"Going to school is cool, but it doesn't mean you'll be making more money," Peres said.

The majority of college graduates who participated in Peres' study fell within the three lowest income brackets in Sao Paulo, earning \$30,000 or less.

Peres' study found a similar job market trend in Sao Paulo when compared with the U.S. An exploding number of young college graduates sought employ-

ment in a market with shrinking employee demand, according to her research. Between 1993-2003, there was a 300-percent increase in higher education as workers entered the job force at a later age, the report concluded.

Leticia Martelete, assistant professor in the sociology department, said Peres' research enabled students to examine divergent social processes between the U.S. and other nations.

"In this case, it was interesting to see the process of educational expansion," Martelete said. "We are at very different stages in educational expansion here and there [in Brazil]."

Unlike the U.S., Sao Paulo imposes no cost for public higher education, but a rigorous entrance exam makes admission competitive, Nordskog said. Sao Paulo employers seek college graduates from public schools — which are highly revered — as opposed to private universities.

Zach Dyer, a Latin American studies graduate student, said he could relate to Sao Paulo's economic trends when he graduated in 2007. He said too many people earn degrees for positions which don't match a college-level skill set, citing as an example a secretarial position that required a college diploma.

"I think most people would agree that while having that education could be beneficial in some circumstances, it isn't really going to be the best return on your education and economic investment," Dyer said.

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DOCS CATCH PERRY FEVER



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Rick Perry awaits his speech at the Austin Regional Clinic during an endorsement by the Texas Medical Association Political Action Committee for his 2010 re-election campaign. Perry fielded questions about Bill White's border security plan in a press conference that followed the endorsement.

Design firm receives go ahead to start restorations on Governor's Mansion

By Lydia Schendel
Daily Texan Staff

The Texas Historical Commission has given the go ahead for restoration work to begin at the Texas Governor's Mansion.

The building was damaged in 2008 when an unidentified arsonist threw a Molotov cocktail on the front porch.

The commission issued a permit for exterior restorations on Thursday to the San Antonio design firm Ford, Powell & Carson, which was selected in August to serve as the project's architect.

Last year, the 81st Legislature

appropriated \$22 million in state funds to the State Preservation

to the Texas Governor's Mansion Restoration Fund, founded

"We are pleased the state is moving forward with restoring one of Texas' most important landmarks ... This will serve as another chapter in the real story of this important place in Texas' history."

— Stan Graves, director of the Texas Historical Commission's Architecture Division

Board for the project. Donations by Texas first lady Anita Perry,

will supplement the state funds.

Stan Graves, director of the commission's architecture division, said that he is optimistic about the mansion's future.

"We are pleased the state is moving forward with restoring one of Texas' most important landmarks," he said. "We can proceed with the confidence of having carefully reviewed the plans being put in place and knowing they will preserve the governor's mansion for years to come. This will serve as another chapter in the real story of this important place in Texas' history."

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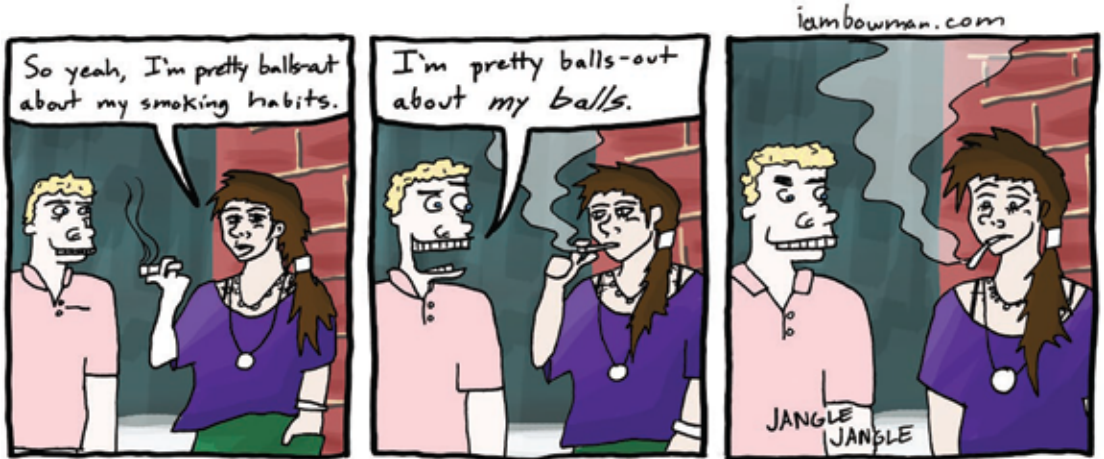
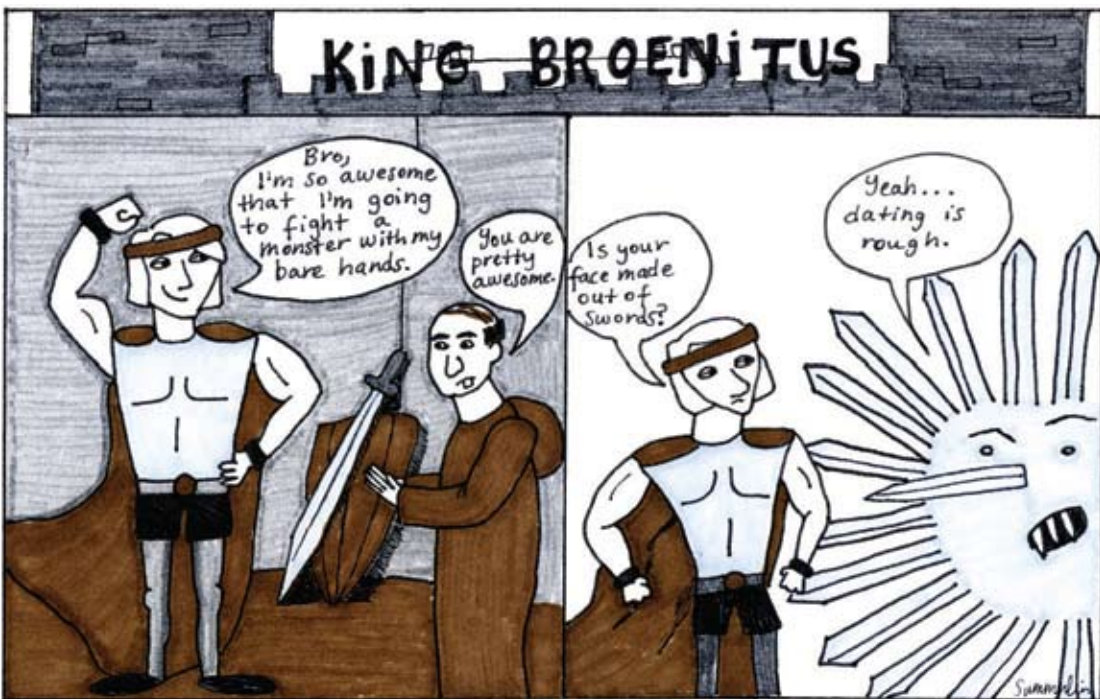
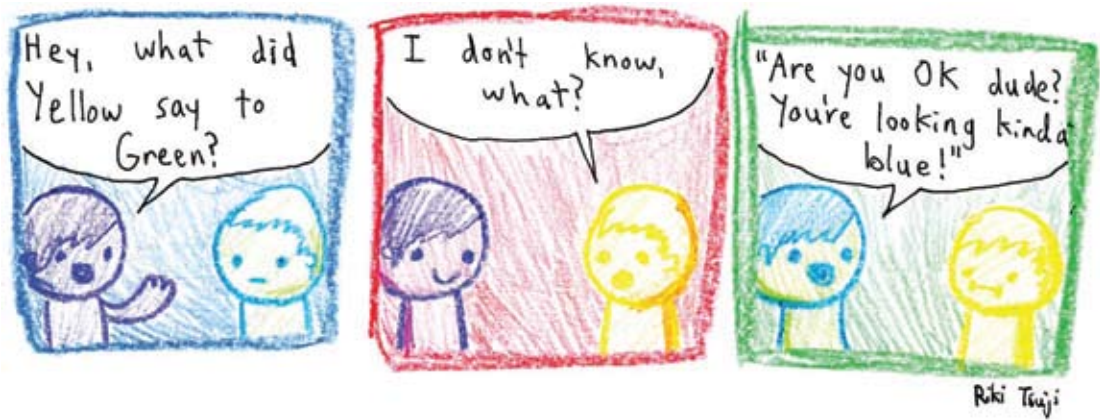
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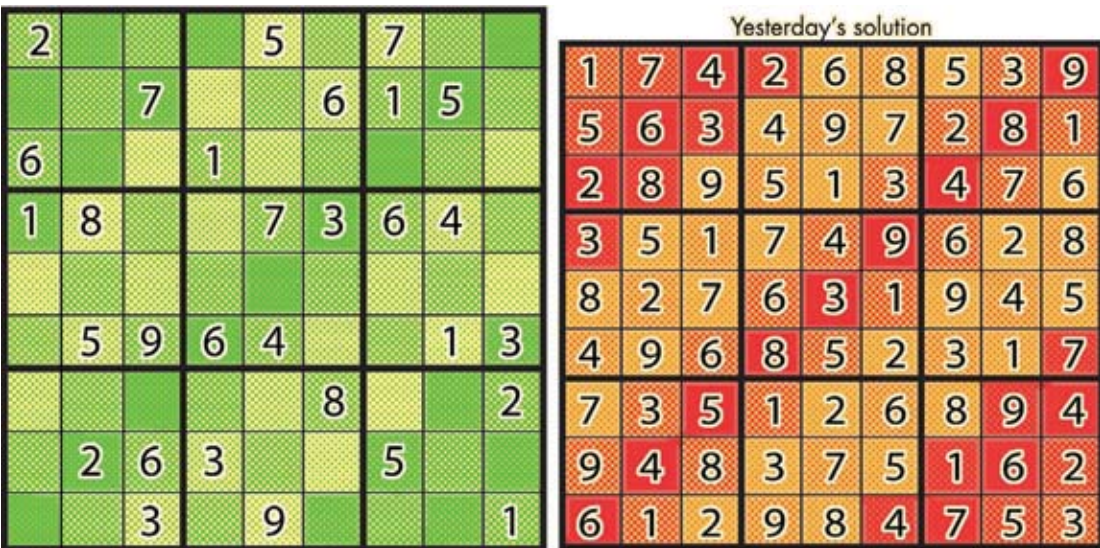
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31 90 proof, say

16 Like bar codes

17 Cup holders and such

18 Femmes mariées, across the Pyrenees: Abbr.

19 Glaciation products

20 Tailor's concern

21 Joined the swarm

23 Knockout

24 Actress Edelstein of TV's "House"

25 "___ Femme Mariée" (Jean-Luc Godard film)

26 Convened anew

28 Walnut, e.g.

Down

1 Bad traffic accident

2 Bullish

3 Musical series

4 Drew a lot, say

5 Amanti maker

6 User of a record-keeping device called a quipu

7 Dead, as tissue

8 Ones concerned with sustainable design

9 Quatrain's longer relative

10 Real stunner

11 Japanese salad plants

12 "___ out!"

13 Dangerous thing to leak

14 "Have mercy," in a Mass

15 Result of jumping the gun

22 Overcast

24 Mucho

27 Goes off

28 Total

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31 Smooth over

33 Epithet for an annoying roommate

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Danielle Villasana | Daily Texan Staff

With live music, strange instruments and black lights, Improv for Evil played with the concept of revenge at their Thursday evening show at the Salvage Vanguard Theater during the Out of Bounds Festival.

From page 12

Beeler’s comedy troupe, Paralelogramophonograph, that also includes Kareem Badr, Roy Janik and Valerie Ward, will be performing a psychological science fiction, space-themed comedy sketch in the festival. The actors will be complete in

space suits and actual space patches that the group ordered off of eBay. “Every time [we perform] we try to push the boundaries of improv, and [the festival] is a good place to do it,” Beeler said. “It’s kind of risky because you want to have a good show at a big festival, but improv is all about risks.”

This year, the festival will be mainly at the Salvage Vanguard Theatre and The Hideout Theatre, though it will also be featured at Coldtowne Theatre, The Velveta Room and La Zona Rosa. Lamb said he hopes that this year audience members and festival goers can “go psychotic with comedy!”

BAND: Duo takes cues from past decades

From page 12

Mohawk, The Daily Texan spoke with lead singer and drummer Françoise Cactus about partying with weirdos in Lithuania, boring ‘90s fashion and what Europeans really think about Texas.

The Daily Texan: Hi! How are you doing?
Françoise Cactus: I’m fine, thank you! We just arrived in Chicago and we are playing tonight at The Empty Bottle.

DT: Awesome. So I guess my first question, since you tour pretty regularly in Europe: What differences do you find between European and American audiences?

FC: I think they are kind of similar. It’s friendly and good here; we have lots of girls in the audience and I won’t say that Americans are like Europeans. I guess they are kind of the same ... but American music is rock ‘n’ roll more than Europe’s.

DT: You and Brezel have covered a lot of famous songs over the years — I just heard your cover of Salt-N-Pepa’s “Push It” — what’s the impetus for creating so many covers of the “classics?”

FC: We just cover songs that we love! We have ideas to make them sound different than the original. We don’t want to sound like [the original] ... We are influenced by them because we like to cover them. We have covers from Brigitte Bardot [to] ... KC and the Sunshine Band. But yes, the songs we like to cover are kind of an homage to the artists we like.

DT: I know Stereo Total takes a lot of cues, stylistically, from earli-

er decades. So if Stereo Total could take a time machine to one specific year and play a sold-out show in that year, when would that be?

FC: [laughs] For me, I would like to be in the 19th century, you know, like Madame Bovary — she had two boyfriends! I don’t know; I like the clothes from that time. I would not like to have been in the Middle Ages — I’m sure it was stinky and everything.

DT: Speaking of clothes, I noticed you have a pretty unique sense of fashion. Who are your fashion icons?

FC: I really like the ‘60s style — like in the movie “Who Are You, Polly Magoo?” — lots of good stuff, really great. It’s comparable to what I like, I suppose. I don’t like ‘90s clothing style; it’s really boring. And I think it’s too sporty the way people wear clothes now. It’s not original enough — with jeans and T-shirts and sports shoes — it looks so boring. I hope I’m not offending you. [laughs]

DT: I might be if I weren’t wearing khakis and an Oxford shirt right now, because jeans and T-shirts are what I typically wear. Alright, another strange question. How would you describe your perfect sandwich?

FC: I cannot eat bread; I’m allergic to wheat! But I’d put good stuff in it like tomatoes, a little bacon. Actually, I love everything except watermelons. You know what I don’t like? When they put too many things in the sandwich. I’m OK, I’m OK, OK? I’ll say. I don’t like when they put everything in the sand-

wich. It’s too runny.

DT: So you and Brezel have been touring for about 16 years now — and considering you’ve been all over the world — what’s your favorite country to play in?

FC: I really like to be on tour in the U.S. and I don’t say that because you’re American, but I just love to play New York and L.A. and San Francisco. It’s always a good place to be. We like to play in South America, you know, and Mexico City. [We once played] in the middle of Siberia; that was really fun. We had brought a lot of big coats with us we didn’t even use. [laughs] But we love to play every country. Oh, and I love to play in Spain and Italy.

DT: Has anything really crazy happened on tour in any of those countries?

FC: Before we were here, we were playing in a little country far away from everything — in Lithuania — and everybody was wearing mohawks and crazy hairdos and frightening make-up! Not even one normal-looking person. [laughs]

DT: That sounds interesting. I have one last question ... what do you and other Europeans think about Texas?

FC: What do I think about Texas? That they eat a lot of meat there, nah?

DT: You’re right.
FC: [laughs] I think it can be completely different, depending on where you are in Texas. I think the countryside would be too boring to me, even if it looks good, but I think Austin is really fun and I like to be there.

BOARD: Experience proves exhilarating, potentially dangerous

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This solution is safer for new skaters because they could then meet at the same place as experienced skaters, see everyone wearing the proper safety gear and have the support of a group, Douglas said. Members of the club have also offered to clean up the

facilities they use, he added. “No one wants to wipe out on a stray McNugget or something anyway,” Douglas said. “The thing is, we’re not here to grind rails and destroy public property. The only thing we’re using is the concrete.” Over the years, the club has traveled to various competitions

and events across the country. For one event during Memorial Day weekend, Oklahoma closed down a part of the Talimena Scenic Drive, a road that stretches between Oklahoma and Arkansas and was once a popular site for luge racing. Law enforcement actually encouraged the racing because it

brought money to the community, said 23-year-old Grant Phillips, a longboarder who frequently travels with the club. “Once you reach speeds beyond your normal comfort levels, there’s that voice in the back of your head telling you to watch the fuck out,” Phillips said. “You start exercising

a part of your mind you never knew existed because you’re concentrating on controlling every muscle in your body.” Turning his arms to show the scar tissue covering them, Phillips said he lost a considerable amount of skin over the years before he bought full-body leather armor, a requirement at

some races. After falling in jeans and a T-shirt, falling in the armor is like sliding on a cloud, he described. “You have to have a lot of passion if you want to pick longboarding up as a serious hobby,” Phillips said. “I’m not even an adrenaline junkie. It actually makes me feel tranquil.”

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Multilingual band brings punk twist to synth-pop base

By Francisco Marin
Daily Texan Staff

There are a few things you should know about Stereo Total. One is that "Total" is pronounced "Toe-TAL"; another is that Stereo Total is out-of-this-world outrageous.

Françoise Cactus and Brezel Göring make up Stereo Total, a multilingual, Berlin-based, French-German duo that makes absurdist synth-pop with a punk twist.

If that sounds like too much to soak in, consider this: Stereo Total has been making New Wave-inspired electronic music since 1993 and their songs, typically sung in German, French and English, are sometimes also sung in Japanese, Spanish and even Turkish.

WHO: Stereo Total with Masonic and Candi and the Strangers

WHERE: Mohawk

WHEN: Saturday, 9 p.m.

TICKETS: \$12 advance, \$14 at the door

It makes sense that a band with such longevity and a fondness for languages would have a cult following worldwide as well. With 11 albums under their belt, Stereo Total has consistently put out art-house-worthy, dance-inducing music for nearly two decades. In anticipation of their Saturday show at The

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Photo courtesy of Stereo Total

In addition to their native languages, German-French synth-pop duo Stereo Total also sings their songs in Japanese, Spanish and Turkish.

Longboarders search for a rush

Austin boarding community fights sport's outlaw status, seeks venues to practice skills with friends safely

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Coasting downhill on a longboard at 44 mph on the outskirts of Austin, Nate Douglas reached the fastest speed he had ever skated this summer. As he watched the blur of pebbles fly by him, Douglas experienced an unreal feeling and a rush that was both exhilarating and slightly terrifying.

With the wind in his face, there is also the feeling of freedom, and that's the main reason why he longboards, Douglas said.

"[Longboarding is] pretty easy to pick up once you get your bearings and balance," Douglas said. "One of the hardest things to learn when you first start is controlling your speed and not freaking out."

Skaters can lose control of their boards when they are scared because their legs shake, causing their boards to wobble, Douglas said. It's a challenge for some to decide whether they want to continue skating after the first major fall — and everyone has one, he added.

Douglas had his first crash after losing control on a flat section of a road between two hills. He flew off his board and landed on the slant of the second hill, losing a half-inch chunk of his elbow and bruising both his hip and back.

"You have to have a high pain tolerance if you want to really get into it," Douglas said.

After moving to Austin from Dallas two years ago, Douglas joined Austin Longboard Club when his friend introduced him to a group of people who meet up to skate every Monday night.

This Sunday, the club will throw its annual Labor Day event, which will feature six races and longboarders from other clubs outside Austin, including the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, San Antonio and Houston.

Longboards differ from skateboards, which are also referred to as "shortboards" or "trickboards." They measure anywhere from 30 to 60 inches, but are typically in the 40-inch range and have wider axles and softer wheels.

Their design makes them more ideal for long-distance skating and stability at fast speeds, said 35-year-old Joshua Davis, a long-time longboarder and coordinator of the Labor Day event.

One of the problems longboarders in Austin face is that it is still considered an outlaw sport, Douglas said.

"Some officers will thank us for skating on private property instead of on the streets where there's traffic, but sometimes security



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Economics senior Nate Douglas has been longboarding for two years. He says riding a longboard gives him moments of freedom.

guards will call the police to kick us out," he said. "Technically they have the right to, since it's private property."

Douglas hopes that through the Texas Recreational Use Statute, longboarders can ask for permission to use empty city or

state-owned parking garages and lots once a week. Users would still be held responsible for their own injuries and any damage done.

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Global comedians push boundaries



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Improvisational troupe Improv for Evil performs during the weeklong Out of Bounds Festival at Salvage Vanguard Theater on Thursday evening. The festival, which includes more than 500 performers from around the world, will also take place at various venues around Austin.

Variety of humorous shows during Labor Day weekend include montages, improv

By Sarah Pressley
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This Labor Day weekend, seven stages across Austin will be filled with comedians from around the world as the Out of Bounds Comedy Festival presents its ninth year in action.

"It's a sample of anything comedic," said Jeremy Lamb, executive producer and a UT alumnus. "We want to show what Austin has to offer."

The festival will cover seven stages, with performers coming

as far as Tel Aviv and Amsterdam hopes of giving audiences a good laugh.

The Out of Bounds Comedy Festival was founded by Lamb and his then-comedy troupe, The Well Hung Jury, which was mainly composed of UT students. During their college days, the troupe frequented comedy festivals and workshops, quickly realizing they could create a group of their own. The Out of Bounds Comedy Festival, originally the Out of Bounds Improv Festival and Miniature Golf Tournament, was meant to merge the aspects of typical festivals that the group enjoyed.

"I love the idea of a festival," Lamb said. "We're going to get as much great stuff as we can and that's going to build the buzz."

The Out of Bounds Comedy Festival features all varieties of live comedic performance, from montages of music and movement by Austin's Pretty Jack Jaybird to monologues from Chicago's The Belmont Transfer.

"It's all about variety," Lamb said. "We very much prize originality in the work that we select."

Kaci Beeler, an improv performer and set designer for the festival, prizes the diversity the festival allows for.

"Some shows are completely ridiculous and just very loose kind

WHAT: Out of Bounds Comedy Festival

WHERE: Various locations

WHEN: Through Sept. 5

WEB: Varying prices, visit outofboundscmedy.com for more information

of shock humor, and other things can be kind of deeply meaningful," Beeler said. "Any show you see could be completely different. It's one of the best weeks of the year for many of us because we love it so much."

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Fantasy worlds come alive at Rockdale night festival

By Yvonne Marquez
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Once darkness falls, the celebration will begin with a total sensory experience of sights and sounds. Four eccentric fantasy worlds will be filled with a myriad of lights, artwork, performers in extravagant costumes, electronic music and a highly charged crowd to set the mood for Nocturnal Festival in Rockdale this weekend. For two nights, theatrics and dance music will envelop Apache Pass Events Center.

There are four different stages called Labyrinth, Upside Down Room, Sunken Garden and The Queens Grounds where more than 50 DJs and various artists will perform at the festival. Insomniac promoters, the people who brought the Electric Daisy Carnival to Dallas in the summer, are celebrating their 16th anniversary of Nocturnal Festival in California. However, this is the first time Insomniac will bring the festival to Texas.

Mashup artist Girl Talk will be performing on Saturday at Labyrinth. He delivered a high-energy performance at UT Forty Acres Fest last spring where thousands of UT students came to watch. Many are looking forward to Kid Cudi's appearance, who is scheduled to perform on Sunday night in Labyrinth.

In addition to the DJs, other varied groups with their own electronic-influenced sound will perform at the festival. Instrumental rock band Lotus and New Orleans swamp-tech group Quintron & Miss Pussycat will also perform Sunday night in Labyrinth. Neither band is new to the Austin area, however; they've both performed at various venues downtown including Emo's and Stubb's.

Lotus' bass player Jesse Miller said that their music spreads across a wide range that is rooted in different dance styles but still has a very melodic element to it.

Even though they are electronically influenced, he said they are still very much a rock band.

"This is one of the festivals that has traditionally been an electronic, dance-oriented festival that is now starting to bring in some bands like Lotus," Miller said. "I think that it's really interesting when those two scenes are brought together because there is definitely some crossover, but there are some fans that are on one side or the other."

Quintron & Miss Pussycat say that their music is hard to describe.

"It's hard, fast electronic dance music with a lot of noise and screaming," Quintron said. "I play all the music one-man-band style with no pre-programming or laptops involved at all. It's live and direct and very simple, like a punk band but filtered through really weird stuff."

Quintron said Miss Pussycat, a professional puppeteer, has a puppet show right before they play.

"Her shows are very psychedelic and colorful," Quintron said. "The puppets are relatively small for such a large outdoor stage. This is not a puppet show for young children, so leave them at home or in the car with the windows rolled down."

Quintron admits that he is nervous about performing this weekend.

"I am always nervous about playing such large venues because I am sitting behind an organ and I can't get up and jump around to hype up the crowd like a normal front man," he said.

However, he believes it will go well.

"Ozzy [Osbourne] once said that he started wearing fringe on his sleeves when he began performing in arenas so that the fans in the back could see him," Quintron said. "Miss Pussycat will be wearing fringe on her sleeves, actually, so maybe everything will be fine. Thank you, Ozzy."